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February 2 marked the 86th anniversary of the Christian Endeavor movement. Under the motto "For Christ and the Church" Christian Endeavor has challenged millions of young people to commitment and trained them for service in and through the church.

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Coming in March . . .

- 16-19—Oregon Convention, Redmond
- 31-April 1—Ontario Leadership Training week end, New Dundee

TO KNOW IS TO ACT

Confusing and conflicting ideas abound nowadays. Truths, half-truths, falsehoods, and trivialities are thrown at us from all directions. We must screen and classify these bits and pieces to make some plan and pattern by which to live.

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CONVENTION

Endeavorers of North America are looking to Detroit, Michigan, for the 49th International Christian Endeavor Convention July 3-7.

Outstanding program personalities include Rev. F. Rupert Gibson of Ireland; Bishop Clyde W. Meadows, World's Union president; Dr. Daniel A. Poling, honorary president, World's Union; Arch J. McQuilkin, International Society president; Jerome Hines, bass-baritone of the Metropolitan Opera Company; and Dr. Abraham K. Akaka, pastor, Kawaiahao Church, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Convention Music News

The convention organist will be Albert Day of Ontario. Stephen Jacoby, originally scheduled, must be in Europe at convention time in connection with his faculty duties at Bluffton College. Mr. Day with Ralph E. Robrahn, song leader, and Mrs. Gary Meendering, pianist, complete the talented trio of musicians for convention singing.

Ralph, who is associate president of the International Society, is a student at Western Theological Seminary, Holland, Michigan. Dora Mae Meendering of Grandville, Michigan, is a

public health nurse. Al Day, a former associate president of the International Society, is on the staff of the Provincial Gas Co., Ltd., Fort Erie, Ontario.

An outstanding music feature will be the appearance of the colorful choir of the Kawaiahao Church at a number of sessions. Daniel K. Akaka, brother of Dr. Akaka, is the director. Mr. Akaka has directed the choir since 1959 and was in charge of a "Mission of Aloha" to the mainland for thirty days in July 1964. He is principal of Kaneohe Elementary School.

Registrations

There is no registration contest for unions, but registrations for Detroit are being received at Headquarters in Columbus, Ohio. At the end of January Illinois was out in front with the most registrations, followed by Pennsylvania and New York. Largest delegations will be recognized in the Motor City.

The Detroit registration fee is \$5. Special "package plan" rates offer economical lodging, meals, and the floating session at just \$42.50. Write to Columbus for all details.



Mr. Akaka



Mr. Robrahn



Mrs. Meendering



Mr. Day

COUNT THE SPOONS

By J. Edgar Hoover

You young people are moving into the realm of responsibility for your state and your nation at a time when the increasing incidence of crime is rapidly achieving the status of a phenomenon. As I write, I have before me the front page of a day-old newspaper which announces that serious crime during the past month in a large Eastern city rose 29 percent over the same period a year ago.

Mr. John Edgar Hoover is Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice.

The crime picture throughout the entire United States is not encouraging. On the basis of Uniform Crime Reports, two and three-quarter million serious crimes were committed in 1965. This was an increase of six percent over the prior year. During the first nine months of 1966, crime in the Nation increased 10 percent over the same period of 1965. In the same nine-month period, violent crimes increased 11 percent as a group. On an individual basis, these crimes showed increases of eight percent in murder and 11 percent each in forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault.

The foregoing statistics are proof enough that you will encounter trying times as you begin to accept the reins of responsibility from an older generation. But if you are to cope with the situation successfully, I think you must understand that the increasing incidence of crime today is a symptom of something more deadly to the future of the nation than individual acts of violence. Indeed, such acts of violence, in large part, stem from one source — a weakening of the moral values which undergird our whole system of self-rule.

We have, on a large scale, suddenly relaxed the traditional discipline which played so tremendous a role in shaping ours into a great nation. Today, the signposts which served as guides to our forefathers still stand but they are ignored and decried by increasing numbers of people.

One need only look at the front page of newspapers to gather a fairly clear idea of the contempt in which many Americans hold law and order. Assault, rape, murder, and theft are everyday occurrences. Rioting suddenly, is commonplace. Incidents of the phenomenon known as non-involvement are increasing. These newspapers reveal, too, the frequency of adultery and divorce, as well as

Law enforcement head challenges young people in this era of rising lawlessness

growing evidence of degeneracy and drug addiction. And certainly one need only glance at book racks and magazine counters to see that excuses for obscenity have become so prevalent that the phrase "anything goes" is almost literally applicable.

The future of America, to a very large degree, depends upon how you meet the challenge inherent in that phrase.

Since it is becoming obvious that the traditional punishments for violating the traditional standards of behavior have been discarded along the way, what can you do to emphasize the fact that America has not lost its magnificent meaning for the world?

Keeping in mind Charles Kingsley's words that "Nothing is so infectious as example," you can, by setting high standards of behavior for yourself encourage others to do the same. Today, scores of young people recognize the soundness of the poet's statement that "Want of decency is want of sense," and they seek leadership of the kind that reflects their own good sense. I am convinced that this basic good sense will keep the vast majority of young Americans from being led very far astray by those amoral but articulate persons who seek to wipe out the line between right and wrong. When you encounter such an individual, test his theories against a little gem put forth by Samuel Johnson:

"If he does really think there is no distinction between virtue and vice, why, sir, when he leaves our house let us count our spoons."

Set yourself a rule of thumb that you will follow only those whose

moral qualities are such that there need never be any necessity for you—even figuratively — to count the spoons. I urge you to do this not because you will benefit materially but because it will bring you satisfactions totally unknown to those who make it necessary to count the spoons in their wake. Perhaps the man who did the most to bring this nation into being and to shape the course it has followed summed it up best. George Washington said:

"The consideration that human happiness and moral duty are inseparably connected, will always continue to prompt me to promote the former by inculcating the practice of the latter."

Many people from foreign shores have sought to understand the secret of American independence. More than a century ago, one such visitor concluded flatly that religion was the secret of American self-rule. I believe he was right. The disciplines embodied in the Decalogue are essential to personal self-rule, and I can conceive of no nation retaining its freedom for any length of time if those disciplines are ignored and if the moral code embodied in the Book which guided our forefathers is shelved and forgotten.

What is the greatest challenge facing any young person in this era of rising lawlessness? I believe the challenge for him is to develop and live by a personal moral code which will make it unnecessary for anyone to "count the spoons" when he leaves. And a moral code which keeps the individual upright will help keep the nation in balance.



MY WHOLE LIFE FOR CHRIST

By Rev. G. P. Lassam

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What does the title of this article mean to us as Christians? Merely that we have decided that we will patronize the Christian church from time to time while we live in this world? If that is so, then we have missed the significance of Christian dedication altogether.

My whole life for Christ means that everything I do, say, and think, irrespective of where I am, will be a witness for Him. St. Paul pleaded with the Roman Christians to "present their bodies a living sacrifice," i.e., to live completely both in time and action

for Christ. This is not a call for some specialized piece of work for Christ. We are to LIVE for Him.

A Living Sacrifice

There was a time in the early Christian Church when people were anxious to pull down the cross of martyrdom upon their own heads. It was thought to be noble to act in that way, and that death by martyrdom wiped away all punishment for sin. Paul stresses that we are to live for Christ, something which we will find far harder than dying for Him, in a blaze of sudden glory.

Neither does our title apply only to ministers of the Gospel and other full-time Christian workers. It is the glory of Christianity that whatever we are occupationally, we can use that occupation to the glory of God. Perhaps the greatest need of the world today is for Christian men and women in the ordinary avenues of life witnessing boldly for the Master.

Christ in First Place

A life may be devoted to science but if so it must not be a Christless science. Medical men, chemists, engineers, and people of countless other scientific callings, over the years, have used their knowledge to the glory of God and witnessed in their daily lives to Christ and His saving power. We are all aware that scientific knowledge in the hands of a non-Christian is something indeed to be feared.

A life may be dedicated to business but the business must be run according to Christian principles, and not merely according to the law of the land or with the sole object of making a profit, if it is to please God and be of real service in His Kingdom. A life may be devoted to theology, but it must be a theology that recognizes the centrality of Jesus Christ in all

Mr. Lassam, author of this article, spent nine years on the mission field in Papua. He is a Methodist minister in Tasmania, where he has twice served as president of the state union.

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"She walked in beauty and her voice was love"

Excerpts from a Husband's Tribute

For ten years, until the very recent past, she served as president of the American Mothers Committee, a national organization that beginning with the selection of the American Mother of the Year has become a program of service to the American home and especially to young mothers in every state of the union.

Difficult it is to believe that with all her community and church interest at home she should have traveled again and again with her husband on his missions as president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union and as editor of CHRISTIAN HERALD magazine, traveled across and into all the continents and around the world.

I have written that Lillian was a master of achievement, and the simple record establishes the fact. But always first and preeminently she was a mother and wife, the creator of a united never-to-be-broken family and the inspirer of its very good.

.... the man whose life she so fully shared for nearly half a century is bereft of words. But there are many words that belong to her. And perhaps the one most truly hers is selflessness. In this is the glory and the wonder of her life.

Now Lillian has gone forward a little way ahead of us, but she has left full directions behind her and we know where to find her. And all is well. All is well.

Daniel A. Poling



LILLIAN DIEBOLD POLING

1880-1967

Lillian Diebold Poling, following an illness of almost two years, died at her home in New York City January 23, at the age of 86.

Mrs. Poling will be remembered as the beloved leader of the Fellowship of Prayer conferences at International Conventions, as well as for her many contributions as she traveled with her husband, Dr. Daniel A. Poling.

She is survived by seven children, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The Polings' youngest son, Clark, was one of four chaplains who went down with the S.S. DORCHESTER during World War II, after giving their lifebelts to others.

Funeral services were held in Marble Collegiate Church, New York City, on January 26, with Dr. Norman Vincent Peale officiating.

NEWS

"Turning the Tide"

With this theme for the week end, Endeavorers of the Middle Atlantic Region will meet April 28-30 at the Hagerstown Motor Inn, Hagerstown, Maryland.

Special features of the conference include a talent rally Friday night and meditation led by Arch J. McQuilkin, International Society president. Saturday's program includes a Quiet Hour, brainstorming, conferences, guided tours, and the annual banquet. On Sunday there will be a Quiet Hour, worship service, and a closing period conducted by Lavern Billig, regional vice-president.

Registration fee is \$1. Special rates are available for room and meals.

Christian Endeavor Snow Train

New England Endeavorers will participate in a day of fun on February 25 when the special Snow Train leaves Boston for a day of skating and skiing near Cranmore Mountain.

KEYSTONE STATE LEADERS—Pennsylvania Christian Endeavor "top brass" posing during the Executives' Program Council in December are (from left) Warren G. Hoopes, Sr., former general secretary; Gordon McMordie, general secretary; G. Robert Umberger, president; Lavern Billig, former president and now International Society vice-president in charge of the Middle Atlantic Region; and Arch J. McQuilkin, past president and now International Society president and general secretary.



Calendars for an Orphan

The Senior Christian Endeavor Society of First Presbyterian Church, Passaic, New Jersey, prepared calendars and sold them for \$1 to members of the congregation. The calendars featured a cover design by Patricia Grenier, honoring the 100th anniversary of the church in 1967; information about the history of the church was included plus announcements of coming events. The income from the calendars will be used to care for an orphan "adopted" by the society. Nancy Smith is society president.

Lillian Diebold Poling

Many Endeavorers will wish to honor Lillian Diebold Poling (see Page 7).

In lieu of flowers, gifts may be given to special funds established by the International Society and the World's Union or to the Extension and Perpetuation Fund (for those

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wishing to make larger gifts). All may be sent to 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43216.

The Extension and Perpetuation Fund was created some years ago to give Endeavorers an opportunity to make a continuing investment in Christian Endeavor. All gifts and contributions to the Fund are invested, with only the earnings going to the work of the movement year by year. For information write to Merritt L. Smith, secretary, 2948 Northampton Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20015.

Personalia

On February 2 a Testimonial Banquet in honor of Dr. Daniel A. Poling was held in Philadelphia, sponsored by the Chapel of Four Chaplains. Norman Klauder was master of ceremonies; Senator Mark O. Hatfield of Oregon was the speaker.

Rev. Clarence A. Kopp, Jr., vice-president of the International Society in charge of the Great Lakes region,

and his wife Virginia were seriously injured on January 19 in a head-on collision near Muncie, Indiana. Both sustained head and facial injuries; Mrs. Kopp had other serious injuries and is still in the hospital in Dayton, Ohio, where Mr. Kopp is pastor of the Prescott United Brethren in Christ Church.

With the resignation of Harold E. Westerhoff as general secretary of the World's Union, Bishop Clyde W. Meadows has been elected to serve as acting general secretary as well as president. Phyllis I. Rike is acting clerk.

The second place award winner in the 1966 Miss Teen-age America Contest, Donna Louise Battista, is a member of the Teen-age Christian Endeavor Society of the First Presbyterian Church of Olney, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Donna is a very accomplished pianist. She plans to study at the Eastman Conservatory of Music in Rochester, New York. The \$4,000 she won will help achieve this desire.

On January 24 Dr. James W. Eichelberger, vice-president of the International Society, passed away suddenly. He was the secretary of Christian Education of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. Last year he was honored by his denomination in recognition of 50 years of service.

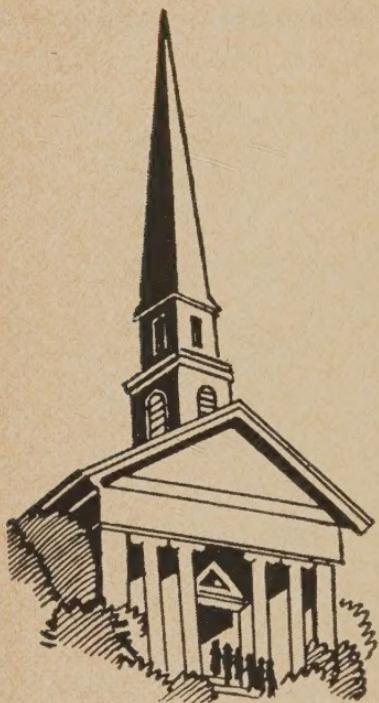
Dr. Eichelberger is survived by his widow, Mrs. Helen Eichelberger; one son, James W., Jr., of Washington, D.C.; and three granddaughters.

The funeral was held January 31 at Greater Walters A.M.E. Zion Church, Chicago, Illinois. In lieu of flowers, the family requested that contributions be made to the Eichelberger Scholarship Fund of Livingstone College.

IN MEMORIAM



The Value of One Society



Early in the so-called "Roaring Twenties" a group of sincere young people at Trumbull Avenue United Presbyterian Church constituted one of the largest and most active Christian Endeavor societies in metropolitan Detroit. More than forty years later, September 1964, thirty-two of this group met in what has become an annual reunion. From coast to coast all who can, return for this renewal of Christian fellowship. There is a wide diversity of occupations and professions represented with many active community and civic affairs. Every office in the church has been held by one or more of its members, with one in the ministry. The opening line of our pledge read, "Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I promise Him that I will strive to do whatever He would like to have me do." As a group we are grateful for the guide to Christian living which this pledge provides. We sincerely believe active groups such as this has been in the past could do much for today's youth in meeting the problems of this troubled world.

James G. Moy

MY WHOLE LIFE FOR CHRIST

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life and not merely an emphasis on the beliefs of a particular denomination irrespective of the teaching of our Lord.

In this matter we are to be broad-minded in the best sense of the word if we would serve Christ. The sportsman, the student, the artist, the teacher, the accountant, the laborer, the domestic worker—each and every one of us can and should serve God in his daily occupation. All the powers of mind and memory and will which work through the organization of our bodies, all the power of muscle, nerve, and brain—God wants them in His service whatever may be our calling and wherever we may work.

When Jesus said farewell to His disciples, He commissioned them "go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." If we follow His disciples in this century, then this commission is for us, and "all the world" means just what it says. Sometimes we are apt to limit these words to the mission field, but the homelands has its place within their orbit as well.

The workshop, bank, office, hospital, home, school, sportsfield — regardless where you live and work—are all included; if we don't witness everywhere we go, we are neglecting Jesus' command, "let our light shine before men." This is our supreme duty and privilege on earth—to make it plain in all we say and do that we have been with Jesus and that He is living in us every day.

1967 HONOR ROLL

Societies, unions, and other groups which have officially become members of the International Society of Christian Endeavor by financial support during the 1967 Society Roll Call during December and January are listed here. Each of these organizations has received an enrollment certificate. Those receiving a gold seal certificate have contributed \$50 or more. Red seals are used on certificates to those giving \$30, while blue seals represent a contribution of \$15. Groups are arranged alphabetically by states and provinces. Others who enroll in February and later months will be listed in future issues.

Gold Seal

Somerset County Union, Somerville, New Jersey
Adult, Calvary United Brethren Church, Greenville, Pennsylvania
Overington Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Red Seal

Chicago Union, Chicago, Illinois
Peoria Union, Peoria, Illinois

Blue Seal

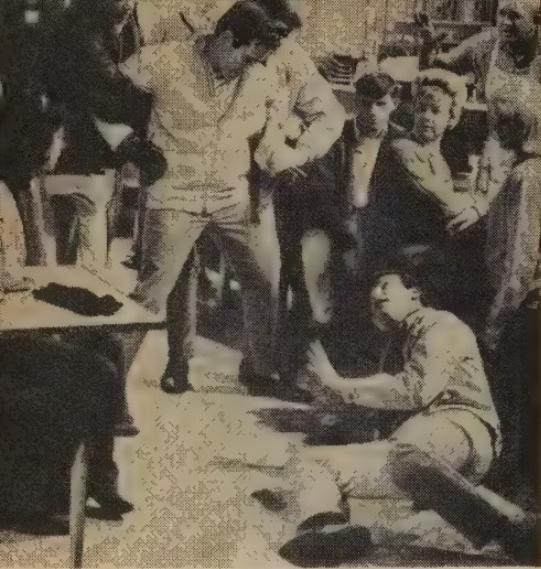
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Wilmington, Delaware
Junior, Forest Grove Reformed Church, Hudsonville, Michigan
Adult Alumni Department, New Jersey Union, Bloomfield, New Jersey
Senior, Dutch Reformed Church, Woodstock, New York
Intermediate, Miles Avenue Church of Christ, Cleveland, Ohio
Junior, Miles Avenue Church of Christ, Cleveland, Ohio
Senior, Miles Avenue Church of Christ, Cleveland, Ohio
Sixth United Presbyterian Church, Cleveland, Ohio
St. David's Lutheran and United Church of Christ, Hanover, Pennsylvania
Junior High, Trinity Evangelical Congregational Church, Lititz, Pennsylvania
Youth Vespers, Trinity Evangelical Congregational Church, Lititz, Pennsylvania
Sandy Hollow Church of God, New Bloomfield, Pennsylvania
Alumni, Zion German Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Senior High, Otterbein United Brethren Church, Waynesboro, Pennsylvania
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PROFILE

v. Fred J. Nile interviews Sister Harstell of Mother House:

Note: Mr. Nile is national director of Christian Endeavor in Australia.

Where were you born?

In East Germany.

What brought you to West Germany?

One night a group of teen-age boys from our town were erecting notices on the house walls condemning the Communist regime in East Germany. One of the boys was caught and eventually the whole group. They were sentenced up to fifteen years in prison.

How did that incident affect your life?

In each school the Communists selected certain students who were to denounce the actions of these boys before the entire school assembly.

When my turn came to speak I told the truth and said I agree with the boys and support their actions!

Q. What happened then?

A. I was allowed to return home but knew it was only a matter of time before I would also be arrested.

Q. How did you leave East Germany?

A. My mother and I simply walked out of our home, as if we were going shopping. Any attempt to carry clothing, or any belongings, would have caused one of our neighbors to contact the police.

Q. You are now a deaconess. What led you to this work?

A. In West Germany I joined a Christian Endeavor group and gave my life to Jesus Christ. Here I learned about the Deaconess Order and felt God calling me to this work.

Q. What are your duties at Bad Harzburg?

A. I lead a Junior Christian Endeavor group, teach English to the Sisters, and act as Pastor Weber's secretary. My Christian service is very satisfying and I am very happy to serve Jesus Christ. I send my warmest greetings to the Christian Endeavorers in Australia.

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(1) The foundation of the church is right. Foundations are important. You look at a skyscraper and ask how long is the foundation, how long will it last. The lives of people are built upon foundations—some weak, some strong. Jesus said to Peter, "Upon the statement (the confession) you have just made I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Storms, wars, and winds have come and gone and the Church is standing. The foundation is strong, sound, and solid. Isn't it wonderful to belong to and be a part of something so strong, so right, in a world so weak!

(2) The textbook of the church is right. The Bible—the Word of God—the guide book, the direction book, the answer book. Never wrong; always right. Hide it in your heart. Read it, believe it, share it. Isn't it wonderful to belong to the Church (the body of Christ) with such a textbook!

(3) The purpose of the church is right. There are many ways of ex-

pressing the purpose. I like to say "to win people to the Lord Jesus Christ and to build them up in the faith." Only the church is interested in my soul. Only the church has the right to tell me that I am a sinner and that I need a Saviour. Only the church has that Saviour. Only the church stands in the center of a community, a highway, the world, and points in one direction—"I am the way, the truth, and the life."

(4) The program of the church is right, so very right. "Come and see—go and tell." Even as I write I hear Jesus saying, "Come and see... come and eat... come and drink... come and rest...." Always it is "Come." But always it is also "Go." Go and tell... go and witness... go and help. When did you last tell someone about Jesus Christ? When did you last witness for Him? Good questions, and I am asking them of myself. What a program, a vital and active program! And so right a program!

The next time you go to church listen carefully as your pastor reads from the textbook. It will speak to your heart. The purpose of the church will be evident in the sermon. The benediction is your cue to go and tell, go and be, go and help.

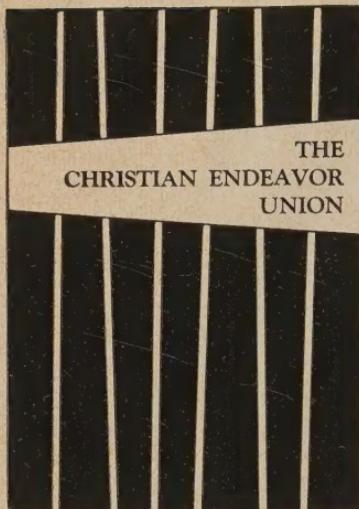
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